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COMMANDER’S CORNER

Team Dyess received some great news this week when the 7th Bomb Wing was selected for the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the period of July 1, 2002 to May 31, 2004.

Congratulations to all the great professionals that earned this award. It was the dedicated and selfless service of the entire Team Dyess family that made it possible.

It is a clear recognition of the tremendous contribution all of Team Dyess makes each and every day to our Air Force and our nation.

As always thanks for all you and your families do each and every day to make Dyess AFB great.

Well Done!



Col. Garrett Harencak
7th Bomb Wing commander

Broadening your horizons

Learning about host nation can change your perspective

Commentary by Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol
416th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

KARSHI-KHANABAD AIR BASE, Uzbekistan — In the global war on terrorism, Uzbekistan is an ally. Because of that, I wanted to know more about the people since I got here in late December.

Now to provide you a broader perspective, Uzbekistan is a country north of Afghanistan and was controlled by the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

According to the U.S. State Department, Uzbekistan is the most populous country in Central Asia. Uzbekistan suddenly found itself on the frontline of the war on terrorism and with increased strategic importance to the stability of Central Asia.

“With its central location, fast growing population, a variety of natural resources and a potential for a diversified economy, an open prosperous Uzbekistan is central to economic growth in the region,” the State Department’s country profile shows. “Uzbekistan aspires to regional leadership and continues to be key in maintaining security in Central Asia.”

A profile is a good first step to learn about a foreign country. But to me, it’s about the people. You really don’t know about a place until you meet them in person. That is something I learned nearly 13 years ago when I was assigned to my first base in the Azores, and it has carried through my career to places like England, Italy and Turkey, and more recently to Iraq and Afghanistan in 2003. This time it happens to be Uzbekistan.

My first meeting with an Uzbek native took place recently with the reinvigoration of a tour exchange program here. The program, which started here in 2004, enables deployed American forces to visit an Uzbek airfield, and in return, lets Uzbek air force members do likewise.

During our tour, I shook hands with several Uzbek airmen, but with one in particular, I was able to have a con-

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versation through an interpreter. I learned he lived away from base and was very proud of the work he does for his country, something he and I had in common.

He also asked me what I thought of his country. Since I grew up, and currently live, in a northern climate where January is mighty cold, I told him I loved the mild winter weather here and the country is very beautiful with mountains and farmlands. I got a smile and another warm handshake.

Three days later, we had the Uzbek airmen visit us and wouldn’t you know it, one of the people in the group was the same fellow I had a conversation with three days prior.

After he walked around one of our planes, he made his way back to me and asked to have a picture taken with my camera of us together. I was taken aback by that, but not surprised. I could see I had made a friend even though we didn’t know each other’s name and he spoke Russian and I spoke English.

I also had a chance to accompany some Army officials here on a visit the city of Khanabad, which is a city of about 5,300 people. The Army, coincidentally, does an incredible job working with the local communities here to

help with humanitarian assistance and human relations. They bring along deployed Air Force people to assist with orphanage and school visits, which take place quite frequently.

Our visit to Khanabad was familiarization and fact-finding. Our first stop there was with the mayor, Mr. Diyadov. This mayor is proud of his community and showed us through the streets. Once we finished touring the town, we stopped and visited with officials at the city’s school.

The day we were visiting happened to be Uzbekistan’s armed forces day holiday, and at about the time we were there they were preparing a celebration. When we met with the mayor earlier in the trip, there was a memorial in front of the town hall honoring all the town’s residents who died in conflicts past. It was like something I would find in my hometown back in the U.S. honoring our military veterans.

Back at the school, children were everywhere, playing in the courtyards and on the sidewalks. They were smiling and waving, and yet ever so curious about what we were doing. It was a pleasant sight.

On the way back to the base, what I saw reminded me of what I saw when I was walking the streets of Basra, Iraq, less than 18 months ago. There were people doing their every-day thing in the comfort of their own community. They were friendly and obviously thankful for everything they have. It is a sobering reminder of how important freedom and choices are to people.

Whether it was making a friend with an Uzbek airman or meeting a proud mayor, I can see that people here are good people. I didn’t find that out from a profile or from second-hand information. I have seen it and learned it from my host nation people.

Most importantly, I learned we have a wonderful ally in the global war on terrorism here. And it is through efforts in places like this that we will win this war, make more friends, and gain a new perspective.



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

TEAM DYESS Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Brian Rogers

Unit: 9th Bomb Squadron
Job title: Life support journeyman
Job description: To provide Aircrew members with outstanding survival equipment.
Time in the Air Force: Two years, three months
Time at Dyess: Two years
Hometown: Tampa, Fla.
Most rewarding job aspect: To know the equipment I work on could save someone’s life.
Career goals: To earn a medical degree and become an officer.
Favorite thing about Dyess: The B-1 bomber.
Favorite thing about the Air Force: That I have had the opportunity to travel to places that I had never seen before.
Favorite Air Force memory: The day that I enlisted in the Air Force.
(Editor’s note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron basis.)



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B-1 budget cut four percent for ‘05

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The Air Force’s total B-1 budget has been cut by four percent this year as the nation continues to fight the war on terror.

The cuts came after the president signed the \$20.6 billion National Defense Authorization Act for 2005 in December. The money allows the military to operate as well as prepare for the future, according to Department of Defense officials. This year’s funding cutbacks affected several other Air Force programs such as the F/A-22 Raptor program.

“We are going to re-program the money and look at the ways it’s spent,” said Eduardo Castro, 7th Operations

Group resource advisor. “This will obviously impact us, but we will manage.”

Dyess currently has 38 B-1s after Congress decided earlier last year to fully fund an additional seven aircraft.

The Operations Group, with a \$2 million budget for operations and maintenance per year, is taking steps to ensure its mission still gets accomplished regardless of the cuts.

The operations and maintenance budget contains provisions for equipment, administrative costs, maintenance, and upkeep of the electronic Realistic Bomber Training Initiative ranges in Pecos and Snyder, Texas. Other parts of the B-1 budget include aviation fuel and flying hour costs.

“Predicting what will happen with the (B-1) budget is hard to do every year,” Castro said. “All we can do is try and justify the money we were given for that year and see what happens.”

While the bases B-1 budget has decreased the past few years, Castro attributes that more to ongoing global operations rather than Congress’ perception of the B-1 fleet.

“The global war on terrorism is costing us a lot of money,” Castro said. “There are areas within the military that are in more need of funding than others and essentially, the money has to come from somewhere. Like the saying goes, ‘you have to rob Peter to pay Paul.’”

Dyess SNCO wins ACC award

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess’ 7th Comptroller Squadron superintendent was recently surprised when he was notified he won an Air Combat Command-level award as the best in his career field.

“Winning this award was a great honor” said Senior Master Sgt. John Woffard. “However, no single award is ever won by an individual. It takes a group effort.”

Sergeant Woffard, who won the award for best superintendent in the command, has a job comparable to that of a chief master sergeant at the Group level. He is in charge of training, obtaining necessary equipment and manning, quality assurance and QA training.

Sergeant Woffard was able to distinguish himself above his

peers in three ways, said Lt. Col. Richard Baltes, 7th CPTS commander and Sergeant Woffard’s supervisor.

The first was his part in building a contingency training plan that garnered the squadron an Air Force-level special acts and achievements award. Sergeant Woffard also deployed recently to Egypt to support the war on terrorism. The third factor was Sergeant Woffard’s position on an Air Force financial management working group dedicated to developing a career training lifecycle for the finance career field.

“Sergeant Woffard was a founding agent for the Silver Flag contingency exercise program,” Colonel Baltes said. “He transformed office workers into warriors.”

“(Sergeant Woffard) has it all – professionalism, expertise, and excellence,” he said.



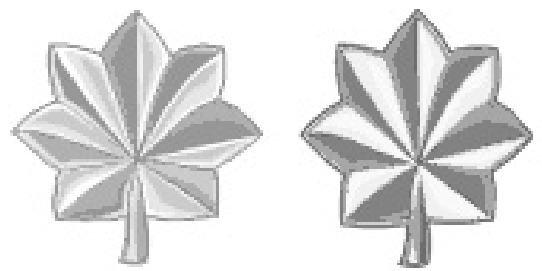
Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds
Airman 1st Class Leo Nielson (left), 7th Comptroller Squadron accounting liaison technician, works with Senior Master Sgt. John Woffard, 7th CPTS superintendent, in a training scenario Wednesday simulating currency conversion in a deployed environment. Senior Master Sgt. Woffard recently won an Air Combat Command-level award as the best in his career field.

Promotions

Four Dyess officers will soon move up a paygrade. The Air Force recently released the lieutenant colonel and majors list.

To Lieutenant Colonel:
David Gilbert, 40th Airlift Squadron
Bradford Williams, 39th Airlift Squadron

To Major:
Robert Sarlay, Jr., 28th Bomb Squadron
Chad Winters, 7th Medical Operations Squadron



Dyess stepping up to new fitness challenges



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds
Tech. Sgt. Roberto Ramirez, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, does lat pulldowns at the base fitness center Wednesday.

By 2nd. Lt. Elizabeth Campanile
Dyess Public Affairs

Eighty-seven percent of all Dyess members tested since Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, initiated his Fit-to-Fight challenge in Jan. 2004 passed the fitness test with a score of “excellent” or “good.”

According to the Dyess Air Force Base Fitness Report, the numbers include all Dyess members assigned to Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command and those assigned to Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Hood near Killeen, Texas.

But Dyess shouldn’t get too comfortable because the challenge isn’t over, said base fitness officials.

At the beginning of the new year Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, stated his next goal is to test 100 percent of Dyess members by July 1.

Byron Black, fitness program manager, also has expectations that Dyess will not only meet Colonel Harencak’s goal, but increase the number of people who pass the fitness test as well.

“My goal for this year is not only for 100 percent of Dyess to be tested by July 1, but also for a 95 percent pass rate,” Black said.

The fitness program manager added that his goal is within reach, especially since 7.6 percent of Dyess members tested scored “marginal.”

“That’s about 360 people who are within five points of passing the fitness test,” he said.

In addition, Airmen should expect to see physical fitness test scores integrated into performance reports shortly.

“I think that adding members’ fitness scores to their EPR and OPRs is a great incentive tool. I feel that by doing this, it lets members know that this fitness test is here to stay and that the Air Force is very serious about making fitness a daily part of our culture,” Black said.

Air Force Assistance Fund campaign kicks off Feb. 14

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force Assistance Fund “Commitment to Caring” campaign runs Feb. 14 to May 6.

Program officials invite Airmen to contribute to any of the Air Force’s four official charitable organizations.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired service-members, surviving spouses and families. This is the 32nd year of the fund drive, where the four charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.

“The need for (Air Force Aid Society) assistance remains strong,” said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer. “Last year, the Air Force Aid Society helped more than 30,000 Airmen with \$21.1 million in assistance – that is a lot of help.”

“Contributions are vital for the society to sustain this kind of help; it is truly an Airmen-helping-Airmen program,” General McGinty said.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper recently announced a \$5.4 million goal. Last year, Airmen gave \$6.7 million to the fund.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to the following charities:

- The Air Force Aid Society. AFAS provides Airmen and their families worldwide emergency financial

assistance, education assistance and an array of base-level community-enhancement programs. Information is available online at www.afas.org.

- The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow’s Fund. The Air Force Enlisted Village, located in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. near Eglin Air Force Base, provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted Airmen 55 and older. More information is available online at www.afenlistedwidows.org.
- The Air Force Village Indigent Widow’s Fund. Air Force Village is a life-care community in San Antonio for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.
- The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. The foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted Airmen in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.info@lemayfoundation.org.

Contributions to the AFAS are tax-deductible. For more information, visit afassistancefund.org or the Air Force Personnel Center’s Voting and Fundraising Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.
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Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan, Combined Forces Air Component commander, Iraqi Lt. Gen. Nasir Al Abadi, Dep. Chief of Staff, Iraqi Armed Forces, and Maj. Gen. Kamal Al Barzanji, Iraqi Air Force Commander.

“Today is a good day for the Iraqi Air Force as you begin to write a new chapter in the proud legacy of Squadron 23,” General Buchanan said. “More importantly, today is a good day for the people of Iraq. I am delighted with the activation of the 23rd Squadron, but I am overjoyed by yet another step toward a free and democratic Iraq.”

Buchanan was joined by a number of Coalition military leaders including U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James Schwitters, U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Erwin

Lessel, U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark Zamzow, U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Hansen, and Royal Air Force Brig. Gen. Ian Errington.

Royal Air Force Wg. Cdr. Steve Shell, who assisted with planning the historic event commented, “It was a proud day for our Iraqi colleagues. These aircraft will make a big difference to the Air Force contribution to independent operations.”

Iraqi Gen. Abadi was also a featured speaker at the ceremony and exchanged gifts with Buchanan at the conclusion of the brief ceremony. Abadi praised the cooperation and support of coalition forces and personally thanked a number of U.S. and coalition commanders.

“I would like to thank the coalition forces for their generosity and helping to put Iraq back on its feet,” Abadi said. “We are announcing today the reactivation and reestablishment of Squadron 23, and we

extend our best wishes to our Air Force.”

Once all training is completed Squadron 23 will move operations to Al Muthana Air Base in Baghdad where maintenance, staff and support facilities are being readied. In due course, they will be joined by Squadron 3, which has fixed wing and helicopter assets.

The ceremony ended with the band playing while the unit guidon was unveiled for the assembly.

“This goes a long way to instill national pride in the Iraqi people,” said Col. Paul Montgomery, 317th Airlift Group commander. “They will be the ones flying and tasking the aircraft. I think the personal relationships built through this will be lifelong and extremely helpful in building U.S. and Iraqi relations.”

(1st Lt. Benjamin Gamble, Dyess Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)

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when operations tempo became too high,” he said. “With the 20th anniversary of the B-1, this year is the perfect time to reinstate the tradition.”

About 1,000 guests are expected to attend and about 200 seats will be reserved for military members. The regular ticket price for the evening will be \$85 a plate, but the price will be pro-rated

for ranks airman through captain.

The cost will include a gourmet meal and drinks as well as valet parking and a souvenir glass provided by Boeing. Entertainment will be provided by the Air Force Band of the West’s Dimensions in Blue ensemble.

Colonel Baltes urged anyone wishing to attend to contact their first sergeant or squadron executive officer early to make reservations.

“We expect this to be the event of the year,” he said.



Wrestlers thank Dyess Airmen for service

Story and photos by
**Airman 1st Class
Kiley Olds**
Dyess Public Affairs

When Airman 1st Class Fred Stewart was deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, the services troop improved morale at the base by asking World Wrestling Entertainment for anything they might like to send to support the troops.

“I’ve always been a die-

hard wrestling fan,” Airman Stewart said. “A lot of other deployed Airmen liked wrestling too, and I knew that WWE has been good about supporting the men and women in uniform.”

Although Airman Stewart only asked for a couple of T-shirts to hand out as door prizes at wrestling viewing parties, WWE officials responded by sending him boxes filled with T-shirts, tapes, DVDs and trading cards.

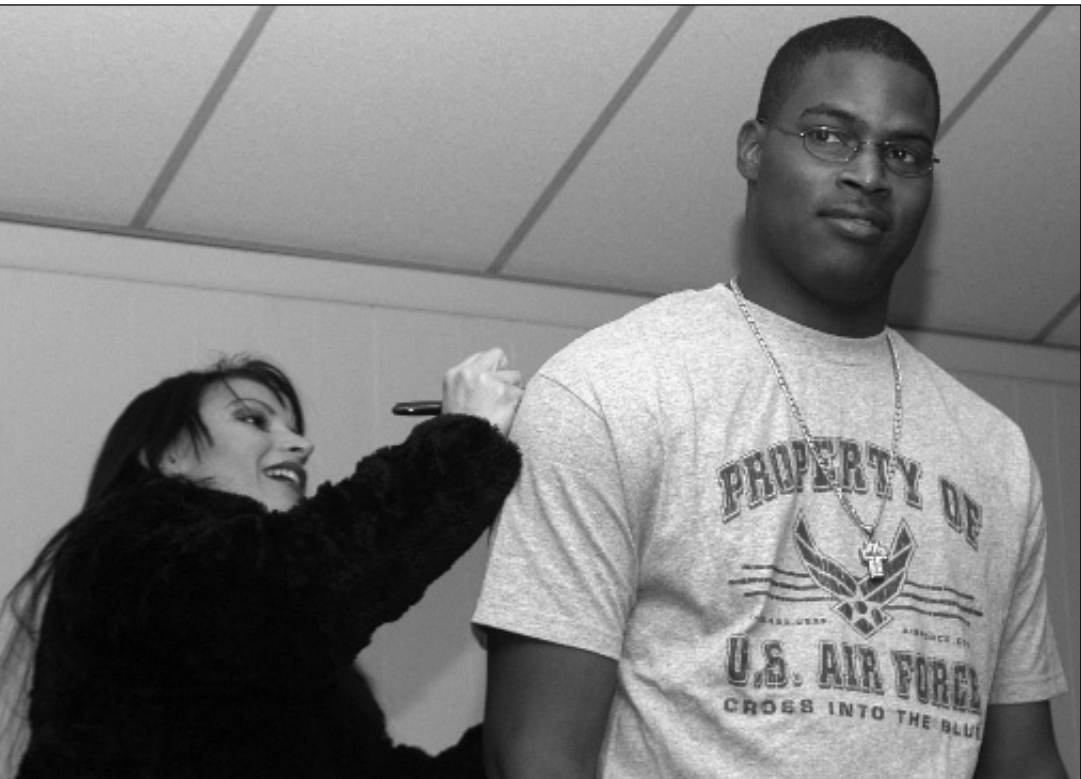
No longer deployed, Airman Stewart said he never imagined the WWE would personally thank him for his service; however Airman Stewart and 17 other Airmen here got a chance to meet WWE wrestlers who were in town performing Friday.

The Airmen, 10 of them recently returned from deployments, were chosen to meet the wrestlers before the show.

“I was thrilled,” Airman Stewart said. “I didn’t find out until a couple hours before the event that I would be meeting some of them.”

The event was coordinated by Tech. Sgt. Craig Colton, an Abilene area Air Force recruiter, and WWE representatives.

“This was a great opportunity for these (Airmen),” Sergeant Colton said. “(They) have been overseas serving



World Wrestling Entertainment professional wrestler Victoria signs the back of Airman 1st Class Fred Stewart's shirt. Airman Stewart was one of several Dyess Airmen who recently returned from deployments that were selected to meet with the wrestlers.

their country, and I thought, if possible, this would be a great thing to honor them with.”

The Airmen shook hands, got autographs and posed for photographs with wrestlers Sylvan Grenier and Victoria.

WWE officials said they were just as happy to meet the Airmen.

“It was our pleasure to have Dyess Airmen come out and meet our wrestlers,” said Joe Villa, WWE live events media coordinator. “We, 110 percent, appreciate and support our troops, whether (they are) serving at home or abroad, and any bit of joy we can bring to them we try to do.”

The 10 Airmen also watched the show in sec-

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Staff Sgt. Tianna Vazquez
Dyess Honor Guard member

ond-row ringside seats.

Other Dyess Airmen also were involved in the show.

The base honor guard presented the colors at the opening of the show, while 1st Lt. Ben Gamble, 7th Bomb Wing public affairs, sang the national anthem.

“It was definitely a different experience,” said Senior Airman Michael Bilharz, honor guard instructor. “We’ve presented the colors at other sporting events before, but never at wrestling.

The crowd was very energetic.”

Staff Sgt. Tianna Vazquez, also of the honor guard, said it was an experience she will not soon forget.

“We spent a lot of time backstage waiting for our cue to go on,” she said. “Wrestlers would walk by and thank us for being there and would ask if they could take a picture with us. People who won backstage passes didn’t get to meet them as much as we did.”



World Wrestling Entertainment professional wrestler Tajiri performs his signature move, the tarantula, on his opponent Rob Conway, while his tag team partner, Rhyno, roots him on at the Taylor County Coliseum Friday.



Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class
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Dyess Public Affairs

Being a loadmaster requires long hours and frequently involves long deployments away from home, and is not the easiest job in the Air Force.

But for the loadmasters assigned to the 317th Airlift Group's 39th and 40th Airlift Squadrons, it can also be a rewarding one.

"I love my job," said Tech. Sgt. Donald Corrie, a 14-year veteran loadmaster assigned to the 39th AS. "We get the cargo and people where they need to go."

As members of the aircrew, loadmasters fly with the aircraft wherever it goes, Sergeant Corrie said.

"Our basic job is to supervise the on- and off-load of passengers and cargo," he added.

However, the loadmaster is responsible for much more than just shuffling people and materiel around their aircraft.

Loadmasters also perform pre-flight and post-flight inspections of aircraft and aircraft systems, compute aircraft weight and balance, and conduct cargo and personnel airdrops.

Sergeant Corrie describes loadmasters as the eyes and ears of the pilot, as loadmasters stay in the back of the plane during flight.

"We listen while flying for anything that might sound abnormal," said Staff Sgt. Mike Webster, a 39th AS loadmaster.

Acting as the eyes and ears of the pilot becomes even more important during combat.

"Our primary job while flying in combat zones is to watch for enemy fire," said Staff Sgt. Steve Martin, a 39th AS loadmaster.

While Dyess' loadmasters play an essential role in successful C-130 operations, this wouldn't be possible without the proper instruction.

Preparation to become a loadmaster involves more than 10 weeks of training after basic military training at the Enlisted Aircrew Undergraduate Course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; the Combat Survival Training Course at Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Water Survival-Parachuting Course at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla.; and the Basic Loadmaster Course at either Altus AFB, Okla., or Little Rock AFB, Ark.

After completing all the training necessary to

become a loadmaster, an individual will be assigned to an airframe.

While being a loadmaster, especially one attached to the 317th AG, means frequent deployments, time spent at Dyess is focused on training.

"Because we're deployed all the time, in our training it's important to have all the I's dotted and T's crossed," Sergeant Corrie said.

The 317th AG routinely runs exercises, such as practicing an ERO (engine running off-load or on-load) or an air drop.

An ERO is when the engines are kept operating while pallets are quickly rolled out the back of the aircraft. This minimizes time spent on the ground, and provides the ability to fly out at the first hint of trouble.

The training prepares the aircrew for the next time they're deployed, which can sometimes involve being in dangerous situations.

"Sometimes it's scary, as aircraft I've been on have been shot at," Sergeant Corrie said. "But at the same time it's worth it, especially when participating in humanitarian operations and you can see the people benefiting from what you do."



Two Dyess loadmasters supervise the on-loading of cargo into the back of a C-130.



Left: Senior Airman Hillary Naquin, 40th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, checks a crank while conducting a pre-flight check. Loadmasters conduct pre-flight and post-flight inspections of aircraft and aircraft systems, compute aircraft weight and balance, and conduct cargo and personnel airdrops.



Right: Staff Sgt. Steve Martin, 39th Airlift Squadron, checks paperwork accompanying cargo pallets waiting to be loaded onto a C-130. Loadmasters supervise the loading and off-loading of passengers and cargo.

News Briefs

Vehicle stickers

7th Security Forces Squadron officials remind Dyess motorists that drivers without a current Department of Defense vehicle clearance sticker will need to sign out a temporary pass at the main gate Visitor's Center to access the base effective immediately.

To obtain a current vehicle sticker, people can go to the Pass and Registration across from the Military Personnel Flight in building 7233. People must bring their valid driver's license, proof of registration, proof of insurance and military ID.

For more information, call the Pass and Registration office at 696-3088.

Valor device approved for Air Medal

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche authorized wear of the valor device on the Air Medal as of Oct. 21, 2004.

The Air Medal is awarded for heroism and the valor device is intended to clearly distinguish and denote an Air Medal awarded for herosim. Any active duty, Guard or Reserve Air Force member awarded the Air Medal after Oct. 21, 2004 is authorized to wear the valor device on the Air Medal ribbon and medal.

Air Medal citations and certificates approved for acts of heroism that occur on or after Oct. 21, 2004 will reflect with valor. Decoration orders for acts of heroism will include the phrase "V device authorized."

Air Medal award elements previously issued and awarded for acts of heroism occurring prior to Oct. 21, 2004 will not be reaccomplished to add this statement. Military records, including promotion selection boards, will not be reaccomplished to distinguish between meritorious achievement and heroism on past awards of the Air Medal.

Individuals who have been awarded the Air Medal are immediately authorized to wear the valor device. Military personnel do not have to wait until the Military Personnel Database reflects the valor to wear the device as long as they meet the above criteria.

For more information, contact the Dyess Military Personnel Flight at 696-5722.

Shcolarship apps accepted

The Dyess Officers' Spouses' Club is accepting college scholarship applications until Mar. 11. There are three categories from which applications will be accepted:

- A graduating high school senior who is a dependent child of an active duty, retired or deceased military member.
- A current college student who is a dependent child of an active duty, retired or deceased military member.
- A spouse of an active duty military member.

Previous Dyess OSC scholarship winners are not eligible to reapply.

Applications may be picked up at The Heritage Club, The Hangar Center, Family Support Center, Dyess Bowling

Alley, base library, base youth center, Thrift Shop or an Abilene area high school.

For more information, contact Carol Beene at 692-1208.

Scholarships for Children application due Feb. 16

FORT LEE, Va. – The deadline to to submit an application for the Scholarships for Military Children program is Feb. 16 All applications must be delivered to the commissary by close of business that day.

The application can be downloaded through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com> or directly from <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, including Coast Guard, Guard and Reserve, and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants and their sponsors must be enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

Applicants must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or be enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Additional instructions can be found on the application or at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Community

White House Fellows

Airmen are encouraged to apply for the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. Applicants must obtain written endorsement and authorization from their commander.

There are no restrictions for age, sex, race or physical requirements. The program provides first-hand experience in how the government operates.

For information on the program visit www.whitehouse.gov/fellows or call (202) 395-4522.

Crafter's Haven

Crafter's Haven has the popular magnetic "Support Our Troops" signs in stock. Cost is \$3.50 for the 8-inch sign and \$2.50 for the mini's. There are several to choose from.

♦ A custom framing class is held on Wednesdays and Thursdays every third week of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$40 and participants learn how to frame a picture, 8-inch by 10-inch or smaller.

♦ A Crochet class will be held Jan. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$8 and all materials will be provided.

For more information, call 696-4175.

Thrift shop

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open to all base members and their families. Store

For more information, call 696-4320.

Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events —

Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep — Lemony Snicket narrates this tale about the adventures of the the three Baudelaire orphans, who experience several colorful escapades as they're shuttled amongst a series of relatives and eccentric personalities.

PG-13 (thematic elements, scary situations and brief language)

Spanglish — Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni —

A well-known chef and his busybody wife hire a blue-collar, Mexican single mom to help around the house, even though she speaks little english. Over the course of a few seasons, some unexpected and poignant relationships develop between all of them and their children.

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Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

Under construction

The new court room sits empty in the second floor of the 7th Bomb Wing headquarters building Thursday. The 7th BW legal office relocated to a different building in order to allow remodeling and updating of their facilities. One of the changes was the movement of the court room from one wing of the building to another.

hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Consignments are accepted on open days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located at 382 4th Avenue.

For more information, call 696-8203.

AF Sergeant's Association

The Dyess chapter of the Air Force Sergeant's Association is meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 6873. The VFW is located off Arnold Blvd. at 1049 Veterans Dr.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Nancy Vallance at 696-5524, or Master Sgt. Gillian Fisher at 696-4471.

January special

♦ The auto skills center offers a coolant service special in January for \$29.95. The price includes changing of anti-freeze, and an inspection of belts and hoses.

♦ A quick lube service is offered at the auto skills center which includes oil change with filter, all lubrication points greased and fluid levels changed for \$22.95.

♦ Auto skills offers state inspections for all vehicles.

For more information, call the auto hobby shop at 696-4179.

Black History month

• Volunteers from the 7th Mission Support Squadron will read literature from prominent African-American authors at the base library at the following times: Feb. 4, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.; Feb. 7, 11 a.m. to noon; Feb. 9, 11 a.m. to noon; Feb. 10, 11 a.m. to noon; and Feb. 15, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Kristie Simpson at 677-2518.

• There will be a Cultural Foods Taste-Fest Feb. 7 at The Hangar Center ballroom at 11:30 a.m. People can enjoy free samples of foods from various cultures prepared by Dyess community members. People are encouraged to bring their own cultural dishes.

For more information or to commit a dish, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert Scarlett at 696-4780.

• There will be a three-on-three basketball tournament Feb. 11 at the Dyess Fitness Center. Ten teams of three will compete in a single-elimination tournament.

For more information, call Airman 1st Class Brian Stout at 696-8325.

• A Black History Month Banquet and Cultural Expo will be held Feb. 19 at the Elks Art Center on North 1st and Cedar Streets in Abilene beginning at 6 p.m.

The event will be a celebration of the African-American culture through exposure to many forms of cultural expression and spiritual celebration including art, literature, Gospel singing and Praise Dancing, poetry, and living biographies.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Col. Victor Folarin, 7 Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron commander.

The cost is \$15, payable by cash or check to the Black Heritage Committee.

For more information or to make reservations, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert Scarlett at 696-4780.

7th MXG admin moves

Effective Jan. 18, the 7th Maintenance Group Commanders Support Staff has relocated to the 7th MXG Headquarters building at 389 Avenue C. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday

For more information, call the 7th MXG CSS at 696-8091.

The BIG Screen

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests.

Admission for adults is \$3, children 6-12 years old are \$1.50 cents, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. G-rated movies are \$1.50 cents for kids ages 2-12.



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

Airman 1st Class Benjamin Wilson, 7th Security Forces Squadron, conducts a vehicle inspection Tuesday at the Tye gate.

DYESS FORUM

Protecting the Air Force's greatest asset: you

Remembering these few safety tips while abroad may prevent you from becoming a victim of terrorism:

- Log onto the U.S. State Dept Web Site at www.travel.state.gov and review the travel warnings for the country you plan on visiting.
- Vary eating establishments
- Alternate shopping locations
- Don't establish any sort of routine such as travel, work times, gym times, meal times, etc.
- Avoid crowded areas
- Avoid businesses with one entrance or exit i.e. bars, restaurants, etc.
- Know how to use the local phone system and carry "telephone change" or a cell phone
- Know emergency phone numbers for police, ambulance, and hospital
- Know "safehaven" locations to go to in case of an emergency such as U.S embassies, military bases, police stations, hospitals, etc.

• For more information and tips, go to at wwwmil.dyess.af.mil/7sfs/SFS/AT.htm (Courtesy of the 7th Bomb Wing Ground Safety Office.)

Dyess Chapel

Catholic worship schedule:

Saturday: Reconciliation — 4:15 p.m.
Mass — 5 p.m.
Sunday: Mass — 9 a.m.
Sunday school — 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary
Tuesday - Friday: Mass — 11:30 a.m.

Protestant worship schedule:

Sunday: Sunday school — 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary
Traditional worship service — 11 a.m.
Gospel service — 12:30 p.m.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Capt. Matt Paskin at 370-1052. For more information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

7th AMXS grazes past 7th EMS 54-48 in overtime in over-30 intramural basketball



Senior Airman Ryan Summers

Mario Corpening, 7th Equipment Mainenance Squadron, drives past Jaen Fontenot, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, to go in for a lay-up. Corpening scored a team high of 13 points.

By Airman 1st Class James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

Tristen Ward’s clutch free throws in overtime put the 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron ahead for good and helped clinch their victory over the 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 54-48 in over-30 intramural basketball Monday.

Both teams had sluggish starts in the first half of the game, posting poor field goal percentages from the field. The game was quickly turning into an all-out hack fest, with both teams reaching double digits in the foul category.

But the 7th AMXS was able to end the half with a narrow 21-16 lead, after a few successful shots in the paint and a long range three pointer.

The 7th AMXS was able to continue their momentum into the opening minutes of the second half, with 5 consecutive points from their team captain Robert Scarlett during a 9-0 run.

7th EMS’ Bobby Winford was finally able to bring the deficit to single digits after he successfully converted a three-point play after getting fouled on an open jump-shot.

Mario Corpening continued EMS’ scoring drive by sprinting down the court for an easy lay-in after a steal. Bradford Simpson then brought the team within 3 hitting a 3-pointer from downtown, to push the score to 36-39, with 3:20 remaining.

As the game wound down, 7th AMXS looked poised to pull away with the victory, but Bobby Winford was able to score two out of three of his free throws after being fouled with .8 seconds left, tying the score and sending the game into overtime.

Although the score remained close throughout overtime, Ward was the determining factor after making eight free throw shots with the majority of them coming in the final minute to seal the victory.

“We played hard, but made too many mistakes when we got comfortable with our lead,” Scarlett said. “We’re lucky that Ward pulled through for



Gregory Parks, 7th EMS, grabs an offensive rebound over Tristan Ward, 7th AMXS.

us at the end, even though he just got back from deployment last night.”

Ward, 7th AMXS high scorer, finished the game with 21 points and Corpening, 7th EMS high scorer, finished with 13.

Both teams had a combined total of more than 30 fouls.

Sports Briefs

Super Bowl Sunday

The Heritage Club is hosting a Super Bowl party Feb. 6. The entrance fee is \$3 for non-members and free for members. Prizes will be handed out each quarter and a mini food buffet and drink specials will be available for purchase. Free non-alcoholic beverages will be provided for designated drivers. For more information, call 696-2405.

Swim team

A new lap swimming program is being organized for swimmers 18 years of age and older. The program is for anyone that can swim laps but wants to swim with a coach and other swimmers. There will be five coached workouts per week on the following days and times; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Swimmers will provide their own goggles, suits and caps.

For those interested in joining the swim team, contact the Fitness Center Pool Office at 696-2178.

Base wrestling team

A base wrestling team is forming. All interested wrestlers can sign up and get more information by calling Airman 1st Class Justin Duffy at 696-5647.

Dyess Bass Slayers

Registration for the Dyess Bass Slayers begins in January. People are needed for the event. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Dennis Waigand at 696-4419.

Kajukembo classes

The youth center is now offering Kajukembo classes Monday through Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. The monthly fee is \$35 and equipment is available for purchase. For more information, call 696-4797.

Paintball field

Interested people can reserve the paintball field for

unit “stressbuster” challenges. The field is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Reservations must be made no later than 5 p.m. Friday and must be for a group of 10 or more. Outdoor recreation also has paintball guns for sale. Customers can stop in to see the selection or place a special order. For more information, call 696-2402.

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do classes are held in the community center ballroom Saturdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. The cost is \$55 a month which includes four, 45-minute sessions.

For more information, call 696-4305.

Youth basketball coaches

The youth center is in search of coaches for their youth basketball program. Interested individuals are asked to call the center at 696-4797 or 696-5070.

Fitness center, health club

◆ The fitness center offers water aerobics Monday and Wednesday at 9:15 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.

◆ The hours of operation for the new fitness center are Monday through Friday 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

◆ The fitness center pool is for lap swimming or physical fitness. Minimum age to use the pool is 16. Normal hours of pool operation, are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday the pool is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m.

◆ The following classes are all free and held at the new fitness center: Abs — Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:15, Glutes — Tuesday and Thursday at 12:15 p.m.; Boot camp abs — Tuesday and Thursday at 6:45 p.m.; Pump it — Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.; Step — Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:05 a.m.; Advanced step — Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.; Step interval — Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.; Step and toning — Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:30 p.m.; Spinning — Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.,

Tuesday at 6 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday at noon; Yogalates — Thursday at 4:30 p.m.; Body toning — Thursday at 5:30 p.m.; Combat circuit — Thursday at 6 a.m.

◆ Kuk Sool Won Tae Kwon Do classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the health club. The cost is \$35 a month. Family rates are available.

For more information, call 696-4140.

Mesquite Grove Golf Course

◆ The next event in the Winter Series Golf Tournament, a two-person scramble, is Saturday. The grand prize is a new set of Wilson Irons. The tournament continues through March 26.

◆ Saturday — Par 3 Tournament
◆ Feb. 3 — Club Tournament
◆ Feb. 19 — Scotch 2 Sum Tournament
◆ Sunday is Airman Golf Daze. Airmen receive half price green fees.

◆ Ladies Golf Day is every Friday at 9 a.m. Cost is \$12 and includes nine holes of golf with cart and a 15-minute tip from the pro. Sign up on the Thursday prior.

For more information, call 696-4384.

Dyess Lanes

New hours of operation for Dyess Lanes are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Snack Bar 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight; Tuesday snack bar and lanes from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Saturday snack bar 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday snack bar and lanes from noon to 6 p.m.

◆ Rockin’ & Rollin Thursday Nights games are only 75 cents after 5 p.m.

◆ Kids Birthday Special — get 1 game, shoe rental and a meal for \$4 per child.

◆ Sundays are Family Day. The special is \$1 per game all day.

◆ Thunder Alley is every Saturday from 8 p.m. until closing. Cost is \$10 per person or \$2 per game (including shoes). No one younger than 13 is allowed unless accompanied by an adult.

Standings

Bowling				Friday Night Mixed (Week 15)			
Team		W-L		Team		W-L	
Bantams (Week 13)		Girls Rock 33-15		OSC (Week 12)		Schaarky's M 90-30	
Strikers 45-7		Team High Scratch Game: Dynamic Duo, 230		Gutter Girls 31-17		Team 2 64-56	
Sliders 39-13		Team High Scratch Series: Dynamic Duo, 652		Dolls With Balls 29-19		Four Squares 71-49	
Team High Scratch Game: Strikers, 215		Individual High Scratch Game: Jobi Fotenot, 144; Shawn Sullivan, 144		Just For Me 28.5-19.5		HMO 66-54	
Team High Scratch Series: Strikers, 559		Individual High Scratch Series: Jobi Fotenot, 642; Holli Wood, 272		Great Bombs 21.5-26.5		Team 3 50-70	
Individual High Scratch Game: Derrick Wood, 249; Jessica Spicer, 135		Juniors/Majors (Week 13)		Bowling School 25.5-22.5		Got Balls 61-59	
Individual High Scratch Series: Derrick Wood, 734; Jessica Spicer, 324		Team		One Star Short 20-28		Semicanes 38-82	
Preps (Week 13)		Slackers 39-13		Lickity Split 19-29		American Pie 34-86	
Team		PB&J 36-16		The Pinderellas 17.5-30.5		Team High Scratch Game: Team 3, 811	
Dynamic Duo 47-1		Pink Flamingo's 29-23		Team High Scratch Game: Lickity Split, 416		Team High Scratch Series: Team 3, 2398	
		Team High Scratch Game: Slackers, 559		Team High Scratch Series: Lickity Split, 1136		Individual High Scratch Game: Blaine Weninger, 257; Margret McMillian, 255	
		Team High Scratch Series: Slackers, 1538		Individual High Scratch Game: Michelle Nichols, 155		Individual High Scratch Series: Blaine Weninger, 721; Margret McMillian, 672	
		Individual High Scratch Game: Caleb		Individual High Scratch Series: Nancy Moschella, 405			